Number of cases on the file of the First Class Magistrate's Court, Kottayam.

50. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of cases on the file of the First Class Magistrate's Court, Kottayam, and the number of criminal appeal cases ; and

(*b*) the extent of jurisdiction of the said Magistrate's Court ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The number of cases on the file of the first Class Magistrate's Court, Kottayam, on the 21st Vrischikam 1108 was 380.

The number of appeal cases pending was 21.

(*b*) The jurisdiction of the Court extends over the taluks of Kottayam, Changanachery, Meenachil and Vaikom.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know the number of cases pending before the First Class Magistrate, before the re-adjustment of jurisdictions ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That information has not been called for.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : What was the extent of jurisdiction before the beginning of 1107 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I am not able to say.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Did the jurisdiction extend to all the taluks mentioned in part (*b*) of the answer ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : With some slight changes. There was a Munsiff-Magistrate at Kanjirapalli who had jurisdiction over Changanachery.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : About Changanachery ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Changanachery had also a First Class Magistrate.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Is the member aware of any cases pending before the District Magistrate's Court?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Does the appellate jurisdiction of the First Class Magistrate's Court extend only over the taluks mentioned in part (*b*) of the answer ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It includes Shertallai also.

Radio-receiving sets in the Observatory.

51. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are two radio-receiving sets in the Observatory, Trivandrum ;

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(*b*) the persons from whom those sets were directly purchased; and

(*c*) the necessity for two radio-receiving sets?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The first set was purchased from the "General Service Company," Madras. The second set was purchased from Mr. T. T. Thomas, Trivandrum.

(*c*) A radio set occasionally goes out of order and it takes time to put it in working condition. An additional set is useful on such occasions to get the correct time for the time gun, which would otherwise be difficult.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the radio set that was purchased from the "General Service Company", Madras, was a second-hand one?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, no. The parts were obtained from that Company and assembled in Madras. It was not a second-hand set.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the set that was purchased from Mr. T. T. Thomas was a second-hand one?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, of course it was a second-hand set. It was purchased from him.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know what is the purpose of these sets?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is given in the answer to part (*c*) of the question.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): The purpose is not given there.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The answer says that an additional set is useful to get the correct time for the time gun.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Which gun?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are three guns which are fired, one at 5 a. m., another 12 noon and the third at 8 p. m.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): How does the radio set help?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It helps in getting the standard time from other places.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Does it require the service of the radio set to hear the gun fired in Trivandrum?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is to get the exact observatory time.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): For what?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): To correct the time with reference to the standard time fixed elsewhere.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know how the time was corrected before the radio set was received?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information, but I think, it was corrected now and then. I am not quite sure how it was done.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know how the time is corrected in Greenwhich itself?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether it is not by astronomical calculations that the time is corrected?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. But the clock in our Observatory may get slight variations.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I inform the member that clocks are generally corrected in Observatories by astronomical observations and not by radio receiving sets?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The correct time can be got from other Observatories by means of the radio sets.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know what is it that generally gets damaged in these radio sets ordinarily?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no knowledge of the parts of the radio sets.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether it is not the valves that generally get out of order?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I said I do not know.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): I am asking this question in order to get further information.

PRESIDENT: The Chief Secretary has said that he does not know.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): But should I not have an answer so long as my question is relevant to the question that I have given notice of? Otherwise why should notice of questions be given? May I know how the radio sets get out of order?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That sort of technical information I do not know. But I know that two sets have been purchased and also the purpose for which they are purchased.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether Government will ascertain the exact use to which these radio sets are put and may I know whether the Government will consider if it is absolutely necessary to have these two radio sets and look into the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

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